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1. In Bulgaria there is an average of one doctor for every 400 inhabitants. The medical faculties of universities had large student bodies after World War II, since medical students received a considerable amount of financial aid from the State.

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2. In the morning the doctors are obliged to render their services to hospitals or public enterprises. In the afternoon they may carry out their private practice. Their wage is very low (550-600 leva per month) and the fees for private visits are governed by a special schedule as follows: 10 leva for the first visit and eight leva for the following visits. Often skilled workers receive more than a doctor.

3. The pharmacies are equipped with good quality medicines. In the past two years even special type products have been easily obtainable. Penicillin, is now imported in sufficient quantity from Poland, Hungary and the USSR.

- 4. Dispensaries have been built in nearly all the obshtinas of Bulgaria and in the cities. After World War II, two new dispensaries and a hospital were built in Ruse.
 - a. The city Hospital ("Gradska Bolnitsa") of Ruse was constructed in 1952 and is located on Tolbukhin (formerly Nikolayevska) Street. It consists of a single 3-story building and has 150 beds. The director is Dr. Stoyanov (fnu), a surgeon, who is assisted by 20 doctors.
 - b. The Okrug Hospital (Okruzhna Bolnitsa) of Ruse in an older hospital located on Aleite Avenue, in the northern part of the city, near the Danube. It has approximately 1,000 beds and is directed by Dr. Baif (fnu), assisted by approximately 20 doctors. The doctors in the two above mentioned hospitals give their services to the two dispensaries of the city.
 - c. A new sanatarium for fluberculosis of the bones has been built on a mountain in the Kotel area (N 42-53, E-26-27).

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5. Generally speaking diseases have decreased in Bulgaria since the war because of the greater amount of care and assistance given the population. Tuberculosis has greatly decreased. Prior to World War II, Bulgaria held second placed in the world and now it is seventh. Cases of cancer, on the other hand, have dincreased.

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